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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 905**

**Introduced by Senator Chesbro**

February 21, 2003

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An act to amend Section 48800 of the Education Code, relating to educational enrichment.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 905, as amended, Chesbro. Educational enrichment: concurrent enrollment of pupils in high school and community college.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Existing law authorizes the establishment of community college districts under the administration of community college governing boards, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction at community college campuses throughout the state. Existing law authorizes the governing board of a community college district to admit to any community college under its jurisdiction as a special part-time student a high school pupil who is determined by the governing board of his or her school district of attendance to be likely to benefit from advanced scholastic or vocational work.

Existing law authorizes a principal to recommend a pupil as a special student pursuant to rules and regulations adopted by the governing board of the school district, but prohibits the principal from recommending a number of pupils who have completed a particular grade in excess of 5% of the total number of pupils in the school who have completed that grade immediately prior to the time of

recommendation. Existing law also requires that a principal may only recommend a pupil as a special student if that pupil demonstrates adequate preparation in the discipline to be studied and exhausts all opportunities to enroll in an equivalent course, if any, at his or her school of attendance.

This bill would delete the *5% limit referenced above*. The bill would also delete the requirement that a principal may only recommend a pupil who demonstrates adequate preparation in the discipline to be studied and who exhausts all opportunities to enroll in an equivalent course, if any, at his or her school of attendance.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. *It is the intent of the Legislature that growth in*  
2 *the summer session enrollment of part-time, specially-admitted*  
3 *students at community colleges, which could result from the*  
4 *amendments made by this act to Section 48800 of the Education*  
5 *Code, should not displace regularly admitted students.*

6 SEC. 2. Section 48800 of the Education Code is amended to  
7 read:

8 48800. (a) The governing board of a school district may  
9 determine which pupils would benefit from advanced scholastic or  
10 vocational work. The intent of this section is to provide  
11 educational enrichment opportunities for a limited number of  
12 eligible pupils, rather than to reduce current course requirements  
13 of elementary and secondary schools. The governing board may  
14 authorize those pupils, upon recommendation of the principal of  
15 the pupil's school of attendance, and with parental consent, to  
16 attend a community college during any session or term as special  
17 part-time or full-time students and to undertake one or more  
18 courses of instruction offered at the community college level.

19 (b) If the governing board denies a request for a special  
20 part-time or full-time enrollment at a community college for any  
21 session or term for a pupil who is identified as highly gifted, the  
22 board shall issue its written recommendation and the reasons for  
23 the denial within 60 days. The written recommendation and denial  
24 shall be issued at the next regularly scheduled board meeting that  
25 falls at least 30 days after the request has been submitted.



1 (c) The pupils shall receive credit for community college  
2 courses that they complete at the level determined appropriate by  
3 the school district and community college district governing  
4 boards.

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